Survey on the Pune-Nasik-Billimore Line

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SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey was conducted for the laying of Pune-Nasik-Billimore Railway line on Western and Central Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Traffic survey for a railway line from Kirkee (near Pune)-Nasik was carried out in 1929-30. The project was found to be financially unremunerative.

Feature Film on the Bhopal Gas Victims

@1659. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the screening of a short feature film on the Bhopal gas victims prepared by the noted film producer and director Shri Muzaffar Ali has been banned; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Film Certification has not received any application for certification of any film on Bhopal Gas victims.

Strike in Paradip Port

@1660. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers of Paradip Port are on strike to protest against the mechanisation and unjust stand of the management not to give alternative jobs to those retrenched due to mechanisation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that high level talks were held in Delhi on January 20, 1986 between the Orissa Chief Minister and the Union Minister of State for Suface Transport on the steps to be taken to end the Paradip Port strike; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to end the strike at an early date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The listed mazdoors and sardars numbering about 1200 had stopped work with effect from 2-1-1986 in protest against the decision of the Board of Turustees for discontinuing the practice of ghost booking of labour gang for operations carried out by grabs, where no gang is actually required. The strike was later on joined by the workers of clearing and forwarding agents as well as the remaining listed workers in the course of the first week of January, 1986.

(b) Yes Sir.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1296 transferred from the 7th March, 1986.

@Previously Unstarred Question 961 transferred from the 4th March, 1986.

(c) The strike was called off following a settlement arrived at in the night of 5th February, 1986 before the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Bhubaneswar. Normal work was resumed from the night shift of 6th February, 1986.

International Medical Sciences city near Hyderabad

1661. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an international medical sciences city near Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) A proposal for setting up of an International Medicine Science City in Hyderabad has been received from Dr. P.S. Reddy, Secretary/Treasurer, SHARE (Science and Health Allied Research and Education), USA. The primary object of the proposal is to create a forum where scientists from developed nations can impart training in research and patient care to the personnel from developing nations. The city is proposed to be built on about 1000 acres when fully developed in approximately 25 years. The scheme is intended to be launched when 250 beds have been set up. The city scheme proposes to develop a number of specialities and super-specialities in the fields of medicine, surgery and laboratories. The total estimated cost of the project when fully developed will be Rs. 100 crores. The scheme is being currently evaluated in consultation with DG, ICMR, Director, AIIMS and DGHS.

Railway Information Services

1662. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Organisation for the railways information services; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Department of Railways have already set up a Central Organisation for implementation of the Freight Operations Information System. It is, however, proposed to set up a Society under the Societies' Registration Act for the integrated development of operations information System and the connected telecommunications infrastructure.

Saving due to Electrification of Tracks

1663. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) how much diesel was saved by the Railways both on the passenger and goods transport by electrification during the last five years (years-wise) and what is the percentage of savings on the total diesel consumption in the country ; and

(b) what is Government's plan to increase this performance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) On the assumption that if the traffic hauled by electric traction was to be hauled by Diesel traction, the national savings of High Speed Diesel oil consumption and the percentage of such savings to the total